

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Office Action of January 10, 2006 is respectfully requested and entry of the foregoing claim amendments is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action claims 1-19 and 29-45 were noted as being allowed. Claims 22-28 and 48 were also noted as containing allowable subject matter but were objected to due to their dependency on a rejected claim. Claims 20, 21 and 46, 47 were rejected under the prior art. Also claims 44 and 48 were noted as having some minor, objectionable informalities.

To summarize the foregoing claim changes:

A) Claims 44 and 48 were amended to remove some extraneous wording such that they avoid the noted informalities.

B) Objected to (allowable subject matter) claims 22, 28 and 48 have been rewritten into independent form.

C) Claims 20, 21, 46 and 47 have been amended and are considered to patentably distinguish over the prior art as discussed below.

D) New dependent claims 49 and 50 have been added.

With the rewriting of claims 22, 28 and 48 into independent form it is respectfully submitted that all of the currently presented claims 1-19, 22-45 and 48 stand in immediate condition for allowance based on the indication of what constitutes allowable subject matter in the January 10, 2006 Office Action. The discussion to follow is thus made in reference to claims 20, 21 and 46, 47 and the new dependents 49 and 50.

Claims 20 and 21 were rejected in the Office Action as being anticipated by Sperry 4,426,023. Amended claim 20 currently includes the feature of the solvent supply means having an axially extending solvent flow passageway that opens out into said space for initial introduction of solvent into said space such that the solvent flows radially inward toward said rod passageway. A review of Sperry reveals that it adds cleaning assembly 116 onto the front

end of the dispenser gun and has a radially extending threaded port opening 190 for connection with a valved solvent supply line. This arrangement thus fails to disclose or suggest the axially extending flow passageway of the present invention (e.g., 412, 416 Fig 29) that opens into the radially extending space along which the solvent flows radially inward into contact with the rod. Accordingly, withdrawal of the prior art rejection against claim 20 is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 describes a solvent supply in combination with means for physically, mechanically contacting the front end of the dispenser which combination provides for improved break up and cleaning of residue from the front end of the dispenser. This arrangement is not disclosed or suggested in Sperry.

Claims 46 and 47 were rejected in the Office Action as being considered anticipated by Cherfane. In this rejection reliance was placed on the chemical channel port 66 as constituting a solvent filling port and valve adjustment knob 213 as a removable solvent port closure cap. A review of Cherfane, however, reveals that the noted components are one of the two to-be-dispensed chemical feed ports that feeds chemical to the mixing chamber and thus would not involve solvent supply. Claim 46 currently describes the solvent filling port which is capped as providing access to a solvent pool reception cavity in the housing that provides a source of solvent to clean or avoid build up of residue derived from the to-be-dispensed chemical on the rod. Claim 46 is thus considered to patentably distinguish over Cherfane which merely shows two chemical in-feed ports.

Claim 47 describes a solvent filling port with closure cap and a solvent flow feed port that includes means for fluid connection with a pumped solvent supply system which is not shown or suggested in the Cherfane system. Accordingly, claim 47 is respectfully submitted to stand in condition for allowance together with all other pending claims.

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In this regard, Applicants look forward to receipt of an Allowance in the present case at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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